

such that the ac input means of the main diode bridge is connected to the main power source via the primary windings of the autotransformer, and the ac input means of each

$\left(\frac{n}{3} - 1\right)$ auxiliary diode bridge is connected to the secondary windings of the autotransformer,

and the dc output means of the main diode bridge and each $\left(\frac{n}{3} - 1\right)$ auxiliary diode bridge are connected in parallel.

REMARKS

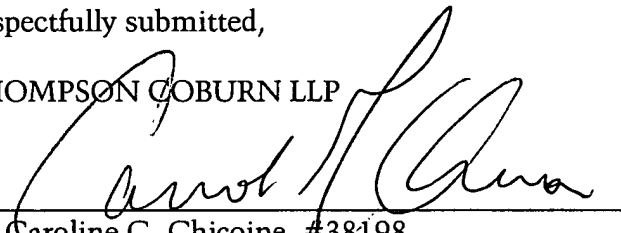
The present application is being amended to include a cross reference to the parent application (Serial No. 09/818,068) on which this divisional application is based. The claims as amended represent the non-elected claims of the parent application.

If there are any questions regarding this preliminary amendment, the Examining Attorney is urged to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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